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| For: EXTENDED SOURCE TRANSMITTER FOR FREE SPACE OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS | |

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.121**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. Specification Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper. Claim Amendments begin on page 3 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Kindly enter the following Amendment and consider the following Remarks.